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TO: The Education Professional Standards Board

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SUBJECT: August 2008 EPSB Update

Mission Statement

The Education Professional Standards Board promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.

Worth Remembering

“Great teachers have high expectations for their students, but higher expectations for themselves.” – Todd Whitaker

EPSB Appointments

Please join me in welcoming our newest board member –Dr. Cathy Gunn, Dean of the College of Education at Morehead State University. Governor Beshear appointed Dr. Gunn to replace Dr. Jim Cibulka, who resigned. Governor Beshear also has reappointed both Dr. Sam Evans and Mr. Greg Ross to four-year terms on the board. All three will appear before the General Assembly in January for confirmation.

Kentucky Teacher Internship Program

The KTIP Task Force appointed by the board in June had its first meeting July 25th to begin a review of KTIP in light of EPSB funding priorities. A report on the work of the task force will be provided to the board during the regular August EPSB meeting.

STEM Initiative Task Force

The steering committee of the STEM Task Force created by Senate Bill 2 had its first meeting on July 30. Senate Bill 2 stipulates that CPE shall convene the task force with wide representation from a variety of state agencies, STEM professionals, postsecondary education, elementary and secondary education, and the business community. The statute calls for the task force to provide”...leadership and strategic direction to a comprehensive, statewide STEM initiative to improve Kentucky’s position for success in the knowledge-based economy by expanding and strengthening educational and economic development opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.”

Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) New Teacher Test

The Educational Testing Service (ETS), working with Kentucky educators and EPSB staff, developed an Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education test for Kentucky certification. Use of the new IECE test is contingent upon board approval. The board will discuss the adoption of the new test during the regular board meeting on August 18th.

Kentucky Teacher Internship Program IECE Training

A KTIP Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA) has been developed, and two train-the-trainers sessions were offered on July 30 and 31. These sessions enabled university staff to provide face-to-face KTIP IECE training for KTIP committee members.

Continuing Education Option

100 portfolios—the most ever submitted for one scoring—were submitted during the July-August scoring window by current CEO candidates. In an effort to reduce the travel costs associated with scoring, portfolio scoring centers were established in Louisville, Bowling Green, and Harrodsburg.

A proposed CEO regulation incorporating the recommendations of the CEO task force has been drafted and is being reviewed by EPSB staff. The EPSB will discuss the amended regulations during the September 22nd regular meeting of the board.

Update on Amended Regulations

In early August, the amendments to [16 KAR 7:010](#), the EPSB's KTIP regulation, will go into effect. The two main changes to the regulation are the establishment of a Teacher Performance Assessment for IECE interns and clarifications to the KTIP appeals process.

In June, amendments to [16 KAR 3:050](#) and [16 KAR 5:020](#) approved by the board at the May meeting were filed. These regulations were published for comment during the month of July. The amendments to 16 KAR 3:050 contain the principal redesign provisions and the amendments to 16 KAR 5:020 update the standards for admission to educator preparation programs. These regulations are scheduled to be presented to the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee on August 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Carr Elected to Lead the Southern Region of NASDTEC

At the June National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) conference, Mike Carr was elected to serve as Southern Regional Director. During his two-year term, he will also serve on the NASDTEC Board of Directors. Along with other duties, he will be responsible for organizing the NASDTEC Southern Regional meeting for the 13 states in the southeast region. (NASDTEC is the organization that represents all the state directors of teacher certification and maintains the database for teacher disciplinary actions across the country.)

Colleges and Universities Annual Newsletter

The Division of Educator Preparation (DEP) will send out the annual newsletter to colleges and universities by August 27. Directors from other divisions within the EPSB will provide important information for the upcoming year. The DEP will ask that all institutions update the names of persons having access to institutional data.

New Deans and Chairs

Please welcome these chairs/deans to their new positions:

Kentucky State University – Dr. Beverly Downing, Chair

Spalding University – Dr. Beverly Keepers, Dean

Lindsey Wilson College – Dr. Janette Ralston, Chair

University of Kentucky – Dr. Rosetta Sandidge, Interim Dean

University of Louisville – Dr. Blake Haselton, Interim Dean

Spreading the word on certification

This summer, the Division of Certification has embarked upon an “educational outreach” to meet with human resources personnel across the state to discuss the basics of teacher certification. To this end, the division has developed a 3-hour professional development program, titled “Aspects of Certification,” which may be used by administrators for EILA credit. The program is mainly being offered through educational cooperatives, and it already has been presented to HR directors in the Ohio Valley and Southeast-South Central co-ops. In addition, an abbreviated version of this training was presented as a session during July’s Kentucky Association of School Administrators conference, where it drew 35-40 participants. Finally, this summer’s LEAD training sessions, held across the state, featured a 25-minute presentation on certification types specifically geared toward LEAD coordinators.

These information sessions have been well received, and it is hoped that this type of communication will further the board’s goal of ensuring that properly credentialed educators are in all Kentucky classrooms. Interested co-operative directors may contact Mike Carr at mike.carr@ky.gov to schedule a session in their area.

Change in Troops to Teachers Program

Our Troops to Teachers (TTT) coordinator, Larry Fohl, has resigned this week to pursue his dream of being a teacher. He has accepted a job teaching 7th grade at West Hardin Middle School in the Elizabethtown area. When Larry first became interested in the TTT position, he had just worked with our office to gain his statement of eligibility, and he has decided to put it to use. Larry has done an outstanding job in promoting this program, and we will miss him. Larry commuted from Elizabethtown daily when he was not at Ft. Knox or Ft. Campbell, and we are sure he will not miss the 90-minute trip. Our best wishes go to Larry as he embarks upon this new career. We will be working to fill this position as soon as possible. Larry had secured federal funding for the new Spouses to Teachers program, and Stacey Noble will remain as the coordinator with that program while helping field inquiries about TTT.

Meetings, Conferences, Etc.

- August 1 – Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign, EPSB Ice Cream Social Kick-Off
- August 5 – South East/South Central cooperative meeting
- August 6 – Green River Regional Education Cooperative meeting
- August 6/7 – Kentucky Board of Education meeting
- August 7 – New teachers ethics seminar at Alice Lloyd College
- August 8 – Board of Examiners training
- August 11 – Interim Joint Committee on Education meeting
- August 11 – New teachers ethics seminar at Murray State University
- August 12 – Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee (16 KAR 3:050 and 5:020)
- August 12 – EPSB Leadership meeting
- August 13 – Northern Kentucky Education Cooperative meeting
- August 17 – EPSB Sunday evening study session
- August 18 – EPSB meeting
- August 20 – University of Louisville accreditation pre-visit
- August 21 – Education Leadership Development Collaborative meeting
- August 22 – Phil speaking at Adult Education Conference
- August 26 – EPSB Leadership meeting
- August 27 – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative meeting
- August 29 – Kentucky Advisory Council on Internships meeting